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INFO AMEMBASSY ACCRA

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY PARIS

S E C R E T LIBREVILLE 1148

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC, GB

SUBJ: THREATS AGAINST EMBASSY, SITREP 1

ACCRA FOR RCO

KINSHASA FOR RSO

FROM CHARGE

REF: LIBREVILLE 1140

1. AS OF 1600 LOCAL SEPTEMBER 16, SITUATION CLARIFYING AND  
LEADS INCREASING, TO CONCLUSION WE ARE OBJECT OF HARRASS-  
MENT RATHER THAN DIRECT THREAT TO LIFE OR PROPERTY.

2. AT 1845 LOCAL SEPTEMBER 15 MSG ON DUTY AT CHANCERY  
RECEIVED SECOND ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL (PROBABLY SAME PERSKTS  
WHO MADE EARLIER CALL) IN WHICH CALLER IN MUFFLED VOICE

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SPOKE OF "A BOMB." SWEEP OF CHANCERY AND CHARGE'S RESIDENCE

REVEALED NOTHING.

3. MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 16 CHARGE CALLED MEETING OF ALL OFFICIAL AMERICANS, BRIEFED THEM ON SITUATION AND REVIEWED BOMB THREAT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.

4. CHARGE ALSO SPOKE WITH FRENCH CHARGE BEY-ROZET MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 16. FRENCH EMBASSY HAS LIMITED ACCESS TO CHANCERY TO ONE ENTRANCE AND HAS ARMED PARACHUTISTS ON DUTY. BEY-ROZET SAID EARLIER TELEGRAM (PARA 4 REFTTEL) HE RECEIVED FROM PARIS HAD BEEN SUPERCEDED AND NOW ALL FRENCH DIPLOMATIC POSTS PLACED ON ALERT. HE VIEWS THIS JFQEREMOVING EMPHASIS FROM LIBREVILLE AND INDICATING EARLIER MESSAGE WAS ROUPNE MEASURE IN VIEW OF EVENTS IN THE HAGUE.

5. AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 16 AMERICAN CHARGE MET WITH OVAME, GABONESE DIRECTOR OF JUDICIARY POLICE (EQUIVALENT TO OUR FBI), AND GAVE HIM FULL BRIEFING. OVAME SAID THAT BECAUSE OF LIMITED GABONESE RESOURCES, FRENCH AND AMERICAN CHANCERIES AND DCM RESIDENCES WERE BEING PATROLLED AT FREQUENT BUT IRREGULAR INTERVALS BY BOTH UNIFORMED AND PLAINCLOTHES POLICE. HE ASSURED CHARGE OF ADDITIONAL PROTECTION SHOULD NEED ARISE AND THAT POLICE WOULD CONTINUE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE SOURCE OF ANONYMOUS PHONE CALLS. TO THIS END, HE SUGGESTED EMBASSY BEGIN TAPING ALL INCOMING PHONE CALLS. WE ATTEMPTING TO SET UP SUCH ARRANGEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. WE ARE CONTINUING TO EVALUATE SITUATION AND WILL PROBABLY PULL MARINE GUARDS OFF CHARGE'S RESIDENCE WITHIN A DAY OR TWO IF NOTHING NEW DEVELOPS. IN LIGHT OF EVENTS OVER NEXT FEW DAYS WE WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE SECURITY MEASURES FOR RETURN OF AMBASSADOR MCKESSON SEPTEMBER 20.

7. EMBASSY ALSO MAINTAINING TWICE A DAY VOICE RADIO CHECKS WITH RSO KINSHASA.

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